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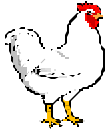
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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week were trending unchanged in the West, lower elsewhere. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak in the East, steady to weak in all other areas. Retail and food service demand was seasonally slow to moderate, best for fast food promotions. Supplies were at least sufficient with heavier sizes in the longest position. In the parts structure, movement was limited to fair, slightly better where weekend needs increased. Availability on all items was at least adequate to ample and frequently discounted to help move. In production areas, live supplies were moderate to heavy; weights were desirable to heavy.

**Preliminary report** Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 05-DEC-2005 (cents per lb)

### US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	54.00-57.00	43.00-72.50	56.23	28
New York	56.00-59.00			
Los Angeles	79.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	68.00-72.00	46.00-75.00	70.88	90

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 72.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

### PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
952	68.30-73.00	71.75

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	141.00	1,276
BREASTS - B/S	114.50	5,138
BREASTS - WHOLE	64.00	1,338
THIGH MEAT - B/S	96.00	994
LEG QUARTERS	35.00	7,274
WINGS	79.50	2,661

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area decreased 2 cents from Monday's final. The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady to weak. Offerings were ample on large sized birds and adequate on lighter weights. Movement was improved from prior trade period, but ran the full range; mostly moderate overall into both retail and food service. Floor stocks were in close balance to long; weights desirable to heavy. Trade on parts was light, best interest on breast cuts and thigh meat. Supplies were moderate to heavy on all items. The market tone was about steady to weak on all parts.

**SOUTHERN BROILER** Trade sentiment was mostly barely steady to weak. Demand entering the weekend was slow to fair and usually limited to regular commitments and most immediate needs. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was slow to fair with supplies of all items at least adequate to ample. Discounts were reported, but did little to improve buying interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy, but mostly desirable.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** The preliminary majorities were at unchanged levels. Trade sentiments were mainly steady to barely steady. Early trading reported at generally unchanged prices. Offerings were adequate to ample. Retailer demand was fair to fairly good, best for parts. Dealers anticipated moderate overall weekend carryovers. Trade sentiment was about steady on parts with leg quarters in the weakest position.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers increased slightly entering the weekend but still noted as mostly light and unaggressive. Offerings were readily available for the light and selective buyer interest. Retail and distributive movement was limited. The market tone was weak. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate to available. Dark meat cuts were fully adequate to ample and slow to clear. Wings were available.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased slightly entering the weekend, but generally remained light and below expectations. Seller offerings were readily available at highly competitive pricing, mainly on the 4.00 sizes. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 57 to 70 cents. Trade sentiment remained weak and unsettled. In the parts complex, tenders were in generally good balance with buyer needs. Most other cuts were fully adequate to ample for the light and selective buying interest.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

### BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	49-79
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	11/28/05-12/02/05 (A)
	11/29/04-12/03/04 (A)
NO. OF BOXES	11/28/05-12/02/05 (A)
	11/29/04-12/03/04 (A)

(A)Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations

DEC 01

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

DEC 02

POUNDS				WTD	POUNDS				WEEKLY	
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	600	85.00-124.00	90-95	96.18	665	84.00-147.00	90-95	98.65	3,285	97.72
TENDERLOINS	228	79.00-145.00	-	89.56	198	80.00-145.00	84-89	91.16	1,180	89.74
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				510	61.76
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				300	49.80
LEGS	258	31.00-58.00	32-33	34.01	385	30.00-58.00	31-32	32.29	1,340	33.54
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	670	20.00-30.00	24-26	24.99	630	19.00-30.00	24-25	24.22	3,525	24.93
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,090	22.00-34.00	27-28	26.23	1,155	22.00-32.00	26-27	25.13	5,100	26.52
WINGS (WHOLE)	280	74.00-82.00	75-79	77.43	280	70.00-82.00	74-78	76.57	1,400	77.34
WINGS (CUT)	200	70.00-95.00	87-90	90.00	85	88.00-96.00	-	92.71	1,197	92.52
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				316	35.30
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				266	31.14
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				88	77.00-108.00	-	82.84	485	93.16
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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					
TRADING FOR DECEMBER 01, 2005 F.O.B. DOCK.					TRADING FOR DECEMBER 2, 2005 F.O.B. DOCK.					
RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE			RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE		5-DAY AVERAGE	
34.50-41.00		37.75			32.00-41.00		36.95		37.40	

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** - Trucklot buying activity increased slightly under normal weekend demand but was noted as mostly light and unaggressive. Offerings of most items were at least adequate to readily available and competitively priced in most instances. Retail and distributive movement was light to no better than fair, best where limited feature activity was noted. The market tone was barely steady to weak.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

DEC 01	CURRENT NEG	WTD		CURRENT NEG	WTD			DEC 02
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	WEEKLY
								VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	100-105	101.86	685,920	100-105	102.89	766,360	101.99	3,966,490
TENDERLOINS	95-100	96.23	131,420	95-100	95.75	223,140	96.34	817,665
BREAST - WITH RIBS	53-54	67.43	46,600	53-54	67.24	72,640	66.96	286,240
BREAST - LINE RUN	53	51.70	90,000	53	52.50	72,000	53.85	376,200
LEGS	43-44	46.27	146,680	43-44	44.29	342,440	44.87	1,110,870
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	25-26	29.55	205,600	25-26	27.58	243,960	28.66	1,559,446
DRUMSTICKS	32-33	40.44	44,320	32-33	37.98	97,960	38.71	431,950
THIGHS	33-34	46.27	33,800	32-33	44.27	40,080	44.35	208,110
B/S THIGHS	95-96	90.23	53,760	95-96	93.98	100,440	92.99	403,710
WINGS (WHOLE)	77-78	80.56	197,000	77-78	80.92	209,820	80.98	986,520
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.35	34,000	10-12	11.93	16,000	11.36	127,200
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	47.73	13,940	50-55	49.45	9,261	49.64	76,152
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.57	9,520	70-75	74.49	24,520	74.62	96,080

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). \* TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPE, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WT		ACTUAL		AVG WTS	
	12/02	12/01	11/30	11/29	11/30	11/29	11/25	11/23		
Alabama	4,671	4,138	3,974	4,041	5.40	5.49	4,064	5.19		
Arkansas	5,204	5,153	4,951	4,915	5.36	5.37	4,747	5.25		
Delmarva	2,319	2,337	2,268	2,324	5.87	5.83	2,578	5.80		
KY-LA-TN	2,801	2,299	2,346	2,336	5.20	5.26	1,606	4.99		
Mississippi	2,981	3,017	2,957	3,169	5.65	5.62	1,863	5.29		
North Car	2,767	2,541	2,409	2,426	6.83	6.79	2,110	6.75		
Texas	2,542	2,510	2,259	2,346	5.28	5.25	1,867	5.28		
Total	23,285	21,995	21,164	21,557	5.60	5.61	18,835	5.46		
Mon-Fri	110,988(A)						82,301(A)			
Saturday	1,650	(included in total for date shown)					3,893			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 02-Dec-05 and 03-Dec-05 is estimated to be 34,837,000 head up 23.26 percent from a week ago and down -3.37 percent from a year ago. (Last week 28,264,000, last year 36,052,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 03-Dec-05 is estimated to be 164,058,000 head up 29.74 percent from a week ago, and up 0.90 percent from a year ago. (Last week 126,447,000, last year 162,589,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	65-73
DUCKS	-
RABBITS WHOLE	-
RABBITS CUT UP	-

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	114
ICE PACK	95-107
ROASTERS 4# & UP	118
ICE PACK	100-112
HENS OVER 5#	109
ICE PACK	90-105
DUCKS	185-188

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED** Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 19-NOV-05 (Preliminary),

	(A) Fast food/ Food service	(B) Retail	(C) Deboning
	4.20 Lbs. & down	4.21-5.25 Lbs.	5.26 Lbs. & Up
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	28,953	20,506	57,211
Avg Weight	3.79	4.77	6.56
% of total /1	27%	19%	54%

#### Comparisons

Last week	25,144	18,722	53,813
Avg Weight	3.76	4.76	6.62
% of total /1	26%	19%	55%
Same week, yr ago /2	28,725	15,304	47,176
Avg Weight	3.66	4.77	6.46
% of total /1	31%	17%	52%

To date/2005	1,244,850	994,947	2,330,468
To date/2004	1,201,143	977,147	2,124,885

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

#### **LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION** (Preliminary)

W/E 26-Nov-2005	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	126,447	819	940	1,759	374
Avg Wt	5.48	3.27	8.25	5.93	7.25
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	163,621	1,427	1,444	2,871	526
Same wk yr ago	117,717	796	747	1,543	402
Avg Wt	5.27	3.35	8.30	5.75	6.70
To-date/2005	7,558,850	67,081	66,376	133,457	23,340
To-date/2004	7,348,148	63,965	63,717	127,682	22,031

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 128.0 million head, or 29.2 million less than estimated available.

#### **ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/**

#### **FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
October 22	165.8	160.7	103%	5.44
29	166.6	162.2	103%	5.49
November 5	163.9	161.6	101%	5.47
12	166.0	160.3	104%	5.53
19	165.6	158.0	105%	5.46
26	128.0	157.2	81%	5.48
Year to date	7,650.5	7713.6	99%	
December 3		157.5		
10		158.5		

#### **BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

##### **Under Federal Inspection**

W/E	12/03/05	11/26/05	% CHG	12/04/04	% CHG
Broilers	164,058	126,447*	+30	162,589*	+01
Cattle	602	545	+11	588*	+02
Hogs	2,169	1,879	+15	2,095*	+04

\*ACTUAL

#### **EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 28-NOV-2005

**DUCKLINGS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND MOSTLY	149-153	154-158

MIDWEST MOSTLY	132-140	133-141
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**ROASTERS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	58.00-68.50	62.00-67.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	71.00-88.50	72.00-75.00

**SQUABS:** NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALER PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	63.36-72.90
14 OZ.	69.84-81.00
16 OZ.	74.88-89.10

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

**CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS** Prices unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were balanced to close. Weights were desirable. Schedules were full time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$3.50-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.45-1.95, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.50-0.65, livers at \$0.95-1.70, and feet at \$1.00-1.15.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 28-NOV-2005

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS MOSTLY	126-146	128-148

**GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION** -PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED\*\*AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY\*\*

DATE OF AUCTION: NOV 29, 2005

	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.70 - .80
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.50 - .60
Pekin Ducks	2.75 - 3.00ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.10 - .22
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.20 - .25
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.20 - .25
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.40 - .42
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.38 - .40
Guinea Fowl	1.20 - 1.30ea.
Banty Roosters	.75 - 1.00ea.
Banty Hens	.25 - .35ea.
Leghorn Roosters	.25 - .30ea.
Geese 9-14 LBS	.10 - .12
Pigeons	2.10 - 2.50ea.
White Pigeons	2.75 - 3.00ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.30 - 1.40
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.00 - 1.10
Bunnies	1.00 - 2.00ea.
Guinea Pigs	.25 - 4.00ea.
Doves	3.00 - 3.25ea.
Pullets 4-6 LBS	.40 - .45
Total Coops Sold	352

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Trading was too few to report for heavy canners; unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was no better than fair for light canners; mostly fair to moderate at best for heavy canners with most available supplies being used internally. Offerings were at least adequate for current trade needs. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady to about steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b>
<b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
20-29 MAJORITY 24.5-25.5	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b>
<b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
21-31 MAJORITY 26-27	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

#### **LIGHT TYPE HENS**

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand ranged fair to fairly good for the about adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	3-11	6-8

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Costs were too few to report. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged to sharply lower. Demand was fair to fairly good and best into traditional processors of spent hens. Offerings were short of needs into rendering facilities and adequate into slaughter sites. Trade sentiment steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	0-6	

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plant schedules light to moderate. Offerings about adequate.

#### **HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \***

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 05-DECEMBER-05

**SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS** Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was fair to no better than moderate the mostly adequate to at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week were noted as mostly normal. Sales of finished product were generally sufficient for current needs. The undertone was steady to about steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS** Trading levels were too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were seasonal. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

#### **NEW YORK CITY SEASONAL POULTRY**

FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 28, 2005.

CAPONS:

Prices were unchanged. Supplies of USDA grade A frozen capons were adequate to close balance. Buying interest for December needs was fairly active. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

DOLLARS PER POUND DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS:

6-9 LBS.	1.60-1.80	MOSTLY 1.60-1.65
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GEESE:

Prices were unchanged when compared to the previous week. Supplies of frozen USDA Grade A geese were mostly adequate for trade requirements. Processors were continuing to packing against prior bookings for December holiday needs. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

DOLLARS PER POUND DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS:

8-16 LBS.	2.30-2.40
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